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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans) speaking at a Logan County REpublican fund raising dinner in ~~Wond~~ Winona, Kansas, ~~last~~ tonight charged that "the Johnson Administration is leading us down the road to economic absolutism. Easy money is politically popular. Easy credit is politically popular. Big federal spending programs are politically popular. Tax cuts to stimulate the boom are politically popular. Big wage increases are politically popular. So the White House supported or permitted all of that."

"But ~~if~~ there is a hitch. The consequences of these policies are not politically popular. They are disastrous -- politically as well as economically -- because the consequences eventually are higher prices, reduced purchasing power, and galloping inflation followed by a crisis. The Administration isn't politically stupid, just short sighted. It has hit on a gimmick it thinks will avert the consequences of its irresponsibility and perpetuate its power. It is a simple gimmick -- throw away proven principles and adopt a new rule book called "the new economics." In essence, it is this. Government can go merrily along with its politically expedient inflationary economic policies -- but prices will never go up."

There is more and more evidence that Administration leaders are now fearful of inflation and, rather than to cut "Great Society" program expenditures, the way is being paved for a probable tax increase later this year.

Dole also pointed out that the Administration for some reason is

playing down the role of Communist Russia in Viet Nam. The emphasis now by Administration leaders -- when they are not fighting each other -- is to lambast Red China. Certainly the Chinese Communist involvement in Viet Nam is extensive, but so is the involvement of Communist Russia. Reportedly, Red Russia has contributed more than \$369,000,000 in economic aid to North Viet Nam through 1964. It is estimated that in 1965 Russia has contributed \$500,000,000 more, including antiaircraft-missile complexes, radar system, MIG warplanes, IL-28 light bombers, trucks, and petroleum. "The point is," Dole said, "that the American people should be given factual information about all those who are allied against us in the Viet Nam struggle."